

REMARKS

Claims 11, 12, 17 and 18 are pending in the application. Claims 1-10, 13-16 and 19-23 have been canceled. Claims 11, 12, 17 and 18 have been amended to more particularly point out and distinctly claims the subject matter which Applicants regard as the invention. Applicants submit that no new matter has been added to the application by the Amendment.

Applicants respectfully request that the Amendment After Final be entered in accordance with 37 CFR §116 and MPEP 714.13 since the Amendment places the application in condition for allowance.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Examiner rejected claims 4-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph, as failing to comply with the written description requirement. Claims 4-7 have been canceled thus rendering the rejection of claims 4-7 moot.

Rejection - 35 U.S.C. § 103

The Examiner rejected claims 4-7 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,009,056 to Araki *et al.* (“Araki”) in view of Japanese Patent Application Publication No. 11-025486 to Yoshizawa (“Yoshizawa”). Claims 4-7 have been canceled thus rendering the rejection of claims 4-7 moot.

Amended claims 11, 12, 17 and 18.

Claims 11 and 17 have been amended to incorporate the respective subject matter of allowed claims 8 and 14 from which they depend. In addition claims 11 and 17 have been amended to recite “the control section resumes operation from the sleep mode several clocks before completion of conversion of the electric signal into the digital signal after the input/output section receives the electric signal for a subsequent operation.” Such amendment is supported at paragraph [0091] on page 38 and in Fig. 6 of the application.

Claims 12 and 18 have been amended to incorporate the respective subject matter of allowed claims 8 and 14.

Conclusion

Insofar as the Examiner's rejections have been fully addressed, the instant application including claims 11, 12, 17 and 18 is in condition for allowance. Withdrawal of the Final Rejection, formal entry of the present "Amendment After Final," and issuance of a Notice of Allowability of claims 11, 12, 17 and 18 is therefore earnestly solicited.

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